Visit to foreign countries by Scientists, technologists and officials of scientific departments

2231- SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have banned visits to foreign countries by Government servants in view of the difficult foreign exchange position;

(b) whether in spite of the ban some officials, Scientists and Technologists (have been sent on foreign visits by various scientific departments and Ministries;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof:

(d) total expenditure incurred and the source of meeting the expenditure;

(e) the number of those who were sponsored on the basis of invitations received from foreign organisations and institutions; and

(f) the number of the invitations received as a result of formal/informal requests by the concerned officers/' invitees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI-MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointments in violation of CSIR Instructions

2232. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in terms of CSIR instructions dated 30th March, 1990 the recruitment of casual workers/ daily wagers and on contract basis has been banned except in the case of sponsored projects or for an specific time bound work;

(b) whether it is a fact that some appointments have been made in violations of these instructtions since then;

(c) wLether Government have take any action or propose to hold an inquir to bring to book the officials responsibl for these violations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if nc the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLU GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHIR! MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Ye: Sir.

(to) Yes, Sir. Some appointment were reported to have been made b some of the CSIR Laboratories in viol; tion of these instructions. However, sut sequent to a directive from CSIR, a such appointments have been discomtina ed, except in the case of four persons re tained by the Regional Research Lf boratory (RRL), Jamnui at their Sr nagar Branch Office, where due to th prevailing law and order problems an other security risks involved, it ha not been possible to make regular ar pointments-

(c) and (d) The matter with regar to the cireumslanees leading to "uc: appointments is being examined.

Biotechnology information network

2233. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI WiU the PRIME MINISTER be please. to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the De partment of Biotechnology has launche a scheme of "Biotechnology Informatio Network" in the country;

(b) if so what is die year-wise an< State-wise expenditure so far incurred *o* the Scheme;

(c) what are the salient features o the Biotechnology Information Networl Scheme and what are the terms ani conditions for enabling the general re searchers to make use of the Scheme;

(d) the number of general researcher who have been benefited so far fron the above Scheme;